

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
 (Large Entity)

Docket No.
 P-4579

In Re Application Of: **D. M. Berger et al.**

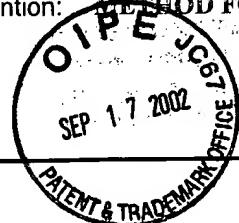
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Invention: **METHOD FOR PROVIDING LONG-TERM STABILITY TO CELLS FOR DIAGNOSTIC TESTING**



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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of April 11, 2002 above-identified application.

Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: July 11, 2002 until: September 11, 2002
Date *Date*

The fee for the extension of time is **\$400** and is to be paid as follows:

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-1666
 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
 If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 02-1666
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Dated: **September 11, 2002**

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